

BABY KILLED BY INMATE OF

CITY HOME

ficers, After First At-
tempt Had Failed.

TOOK POISON FROM
OPERATING ROOM

Abandoned Infant, Victim of
Strange Crime, Not Protected

May Arrest the
Murderer To-
Day.

Davis Will Be Asked to Explain.

The fact that apparently no effort was made to protect the life of the "Infant" after the first attempt at murder; the fact that the murder was not reported to the police on Monday, and the fact that no report was made to the Committee on Relief of the Poor Monday night by Superintendent Davis or Dr. Trévilion, will result in a sweeping investigation aside from that now being conducted by Colonel Taylor and the detectives. While the police investigation was being made yesterday Superintendent Davis, the responsible head of the City Home, left the city on his vacation.

member of the committee last night that he would be called back to explain why murder was possible in a hospital conducted by the city of Richmond, and why no effort whatever was made to safeguard the life of the Vaughan child in view of the brutal attempt to poison it more than a week ago. It was said that the investigation will be

SURROUNDED in an inexplicable mystery that gives but faint promise of early solution, the death of "Baby" Vaughan, who was twice poisoned at the Clifton Home, was reported to Coroner Taylor Monday, and to the police yesterday, and both coroner and city detectives are hard at work trying to get to the bottom of what appears to be

The first attempt on the infant's life was made last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, when some unknown person crept into the bedroom, placed the infant asleep and administered bi-chloride mercury—corrosive sublimate. Miss Margaret Venable, a nurse in the ward, was summoned by Mrs. Ethel Gayles, an inmate of the home, who was found trying to cleanse the child's mouth of the poison. The house physicians were immediately called, and after heroic work the infant was brought around safely.

Killed with Chloroform.

Though the attempt was brazen

enough, no one seemed to take special notice of it until last Sunday morning, when at the same hour chloroform was administered, supposed by the same person. Again Miss Venable and the physicians were called to attend the screaming child. But even

effort was in vain, for, though not necessarily fatal in itself, the chloroform acted as an irritant on the poison already given, and it was the straw that snapped the child's life. After a struggle lasting until 10 o'clock Monday morning, "Baby" Vaughan, whose innocent life has brought trouble to many, passed away. Later in the day Dr. Trevillian notified Dr. Taylor of the circumstances surrounding the death, and asked him if he thought it necessary to hold

The coroner visited the home, and there found plain evidence of wife murder. On the baby's mouth were discovered traces of some corrosive poison, and the tongue and lips were also badly burned.

That chloroform was administered the second attempt at murder is

The second attempt at murder is testified by Miss Venable, who detected the odor of the anesthetic as soon as she ran into the room. It was the combined action of the two poisons that caused death. No doubt is left that the murder was committed, and a well-wrought chain of circumstantial evidence points to the fact that some one

It is thought that the incentive may have been money furnished by an owner, or that the murderer may have

Both attempts were made at 8 o'clock in the morning during the breakfast

The person who committed the deed is an inmate of the home and is acquainted with its ins and outs, and the plans and absence of the nurses and helpers. This much seems to have been ascertained, and it now rests with the detectives to discover, probably by the process of elimination, the person who committed the murder. Several

The poison was taken from the operating room, which is situated between the maternity ward, in which the child was first placed, and the children's ward, in which it met its death. But a few minutes would be required to steal poison from the operating room and take it into one of the wards to administer it to the unprotected baby.

Roughly Treated by Attendants.
Miss Venable was seen last night, but